



# OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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## 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 11 AUGUST 2019

### HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 &amp; 11.00 am</b>	
MONDAY	9.15 am	(St Jane Frances de Chantal)
TUESDAY	12 noon	(St Pontian & St Hippolytus)
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)</b> <b>Masses: 7.00 pm Wednesday and 12 noon Thursday</b>	
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FRIDAY	9.15 am	(St Stephen of Hungary)
SATURDAY	11.00 am	(Novena 10.40)

### CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY	11.30 am - 12.30 pm	6.00-6.45 pm
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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 11.30 am - 12.30 pm

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich

Collection last Sunday £983.70. Thank you also for donations of £10 and £20.

Thanks to your generosity in the **Starving World box** in July we are able to send £448.76 to Aid to the Church in Need. The August total will go to the Society of St Peter, Apostle, for the training of priests in mission lands. The Peter's Pence box yielded £101.81.

## NEWSLETTER

### Parish

#### Hall Improvement

A new carpet has been laid down the edges of the floor in the parish hall. It may need narrowing a little but it is definitely an improvement.

#### Back in August 1889 ...

... at the start of this parish, the Log Book records that **Fr David Walshe**, the founder of the parish, preached an appeal in Mount Carmel church, Salford, which

brought in £8. The Log Book also records that 'Mrs Whittam generously provided everything for Benediction, and every Sunday, and Saturday when possible, sees to the erection of the altar and decorating it for Mass and Benediction'.

Mrs Whittam was clearly the first in that long line of faithful helpers who have taken a pride in looking after the needs of the church and this parish. We record our

gratitude to those who clean and polish the church in these times, and those who embellish it with beautiful flower arrangements, as well as those who take their turn on the rota providing refreshments in the hall after Sunday Masses.

Light refreshments are in the hall after the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday. Do call in if you can. Please note that **today** refreshments are in the **Cottage**. There will be a baptism party in the hall.

## Deanery/Diocese

### Families matter!

On 1 August **Pope Francis** released a video message accompanying his prayer intention, which this month is **Families, Schools of Human Growth**: That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly 'schools of true human growth'.

### Events at Nazareth House

*Nazareth House will hold a **Summer Fete** in the grounds off Scholes Lane, Prestwich, **next Saturday 17 August, 1-5 pm.***

*Poster in outer porch lists some of the many attractions for this **Family Fun Day**. Entry is **free**.*

*At 2.30 pm **Fr Vincent Coyne** will bless the Lourdes Grotto in Nazareth House grounds.*

### Cemetery Masses

On **Bank Holiday Monday 26 August** Holy Mass will be offered at 11.00 am in both Moston and Wardley Cemeteries for those buried there. These annual Masses always combine an opportunity for prayer for our deceased loved ones as well as a welcome meeting with old friends who attend each year.

### Prestwich Arts Festival

*For those who may have been away last week, we repeat here mention of this Festival to be held this year **22-29 September**. The organisers give the theme as 'significant times, places, events or people in Prestwich', and say 'this can be interpreted in any way you wish'. See poster in*

*outer porch. The website [www.prestwichartsfestival.co.uk](http://www.prestwichartsfestival.co.uk) gives more information.*

### Looking for an interesting day out?

Lancashire has many places offering a combination of beautiful scenery, historical interest and education in our Catholic Faith. Such a place is **Hoghton Tower**.

Hoghton Tower is a fortified manor house, standing on a hilltop site on the highest point in the area. It takes its name from the de Hoghton family, its historical owners since at least the 12th century. The present house, listed as Grade I, dates from about 1560–65. It is said that King James I who stayed here in 1617 was so impressed by the Lancashire beef served to him that he knighted it 'Sir Loin'.

The Hoghton family were staunch Catholics. William Allen, later Cardinal, stayed at Hoghton and St Edmund Campion said Mass here. The head of the family, **Thomas Hoghton**, who built the present Hoghton Tower, refused to conform to the new Protestant religion and went into exile for 'Blessed Conscience Sake', in the words of a ballad popular in Lancashire under that title.

As Joseph Gillow wrote in *A Biographical Dictionary of the English Catholics*, 'In common with the gentry and people of Lancashire, Thomas Hoghton repudiated the new religion which was being forced upon the country. Every kind of pressure was devised by the Council to drive the people to attendance at the Protestant service. Fines and imprisonment were inflicted in rapid succession, and

Catholics were outlawed and deprived of all protection. Under these circumstances, feeling that he could not remain in the country and keep his conscience, Thomas Hoghton ...in 1569 hired a vessel and sailed to the coast of France ... For this he was declared an outlaw, and possession was taken of his estates.'

Thomas Hoghton died in exile in Liège in 1580. He was a generous benefactor of the English Seminary in Douai where he was subsequently buried.

His son and namesake, **Thomas Hoghton Jnr**, went with his father into exile. He became a priest at Douai and came back to minister in Lancashire but he was captured in 1582 and thrown into Salford gaol. He was imprisoned in Salford for at least two years and then his name disappeared from the records. He probably died in gaol, like so many confessors of the faith who died in prison unrecorded.

So ended the Catholic presence at Hoghton Tower. The estate eventually came into the hands of Thomas' nephew, Richard Hoghton, who conformed to the new religion and was rewarded by being knighted and made a baronet. Hoghton Tower later became a centre of non-conformism. Both John and Charles Wesley are reputed to have preached there.

Hoghton Tower (PR5 0SH) lies midway between Preston and Blackburn on the A675. M65 jct 3, M6 jcts 28 & 29 and M61 jct 8. It is open Sunday to Thursday, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. There is an admission charge.

For details see the website [www.hoghtontower.co.uk](http://www.hoghtontower.co.uk)